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SOME NEEDED VACATION TIME FOR CALPEEK...

We're taking off next week (the week of June 12th) and will probably be taking additional time off during the coming summer months. The next issue of CALPEEK will be dated June 26th and we should be back at work the week of June 19th...

SPEAKERSHIP WARS: DOES DORIS ALLEN HAVE THE SAVVY TO PULL THIS DEAL TOGETHER????

Editor's note: Demo Willie Brown's reign as Assembly Speaker has ended after a record-setting 15 years. The new Speaker is Republican Doris Allen of Cypress, who becomes the first woman to hold this post. As CALPEEK hit deadline, Allen had been in office just 3 days. Here's our analysis, with *winners & losers*...

- **Winners** - Allen certainly looks like a winner as of now, but that could change if she is not able to consolidate power within the Republican Caucus. And this won't be easy because she's not that well liked. Does Allen have the ability to organize a working coalition with GOP members? As one GOP consultant told CALPEEK, "Allen doesn't have the brains to organize a Tupperware party." The counter-spin put forward by a legislative staffer was this: "People who are viewed as light weights tend to over-achieve to confound their critics." We'll have to wait and see, but as CALPEEK hit deadline, there was no solid indication that the healing process among Republicans had begun...

...But aside from Allen, there aren't any other big winners. The CTA & CA Medical Assn. (CMA) have a friend in Allen, but they aren't considered big winners. As for the Demos, they aren't winners because they're going to have to hand-hold Allen for some time and that's not good for them. A Demo source summed up the situation this way, "It's not what we got, it's what we stopped."...

- **The Machado Recall** - If the Demos think they have stopped the recall against Mike Machado of Linden, they'd better do some rethinking. The Allen win as Speaker has given Machado some good ammo (he voted for a GOP Speaker to replace Willie), but it won't stop BoE Member Dean Andal or Assemblyman Larry Bowler of Sacto from continuing forward. And in fact it was the Machado recall which helped kill former GOP Leader Jim Brulte's chances of becoming Speaker. Demos were fairly close to reaching agreement with Brulte, but the Machado recall was one thing that Brulte couldn't deliver. He had no power to stop Andal or Bowler --- or so he said...

- **Losers** - Brulte is probably at the top of the list, but in retrospect one has to give Brulte credit for orchestrating the plans which led to the GOP's big '94 elect cycle win. Next in line is Gov. Pete Wilson, who needs 54 votes to get his 1995-96 budget approved. Can Allen deliver? Right now the answer is NO and that could make Wilson look real bad. Also on the loser list is Assemblyman Curt Pringle and the anti-Allen Orange Co. GOP crowd. In addition, you'd have to throw in cavemen like Bowler (his comments about Allen being "Willie Brown in drag" wasn't real classy). One GOP source described Bowler as "Road hard and put away stupid." It was comments like the one made by Bowler which put Allen on "The Treated Like Dirt" List which CALPEEK wrote about several weeks ago...

- **GOP Trio With Potential Clout** - Sources say if Allen can get James Rogan, Bernie Richter or Chuck Poochigian on her side, she has a better than 50-50 shot at succeeding. Others who might be able to assist Allen include Fred Aguiar, who could end up as chair of the Rules Cmt.; and Jan Goldsmith, who may be offered the job of Speaker Pro Tem by Allen. FYI: had Brulte stepped aside, Richter, Rogan, Pringle and Aguiar might have attempted to work a deal to become

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speaker. Had Rogan gone forward, sources think he could have been elected...

● **The Allen Recall** - Angered at the way Allen won the Speakership, with no GOP support and with 39 Demo votes (or to quote Willie Brown, "Those white boys got taken fair and square."), 67th A.D. GOP activists led by U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacker and Jim Righeimer served Allen with recall papers 48-hours after she was sworn in. GOP consultant David Gilliard is coordinating the recall. Others on the recall cmt. include former Fountain Valley Mayor Ben Nielsen, Westminster School Bd. member Sondra Rinker, and business owners Dan Traxler, Mary Mays McCaughey and Haydee Tillotson. Questions: can the recall cmt. raise the money (it takes a ton)? And does the recall have Statewide GOP support? Stay tuned...

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: 2/3RDS TAX VOTE PLAN.

Editor's note: Here is an update on a new initiative which has been given the okay to begin collecting signatures...

● **"State Taxes. Vote Requirements,"** is the official title of a constitutional amendment by anti-tax crusader Lewis K. Uhler of the Nat'l Tax Limitation Cmt., based in Roseville. If approved by voters, this measure would abolish the majority vote requirement for new taxes and replace it with a 2/3rds vote. Thus any ballot measure proposing tax hikes would require a 2/3rds vote. Ditto for new taxes in the State Legislature. Uhler has until Oct. 27 to gather 693,230 signatures...

...A brief CCRI update. At the AG's office for title & summary are at least 3 initiatives dealing with affirmative action, quotas and civil rights. One measure is called "Stop Quotas - Equal Opportunities Initiative." It is sponsored by Richard Halvorson & Michael Crawford of La Jolla (Assn. of Concerned Taxpayers). Sources backing the original CCRI initiative describe Stop Quotas as a CCRI *copy-cat*. A second initiative is called "The Economic & Educational Opportunities Initiative." It is sponsored by Otis Jackson, Ron Baker, Roland Holmes and Ron Jackson, from the Sacto-based *Californians for Economic and Educational Opportunities*. The third measure at the AG's office doesn't have a working title, but is sponsored by a Gene Thompson of Auburn. Stay tuned...

JUNE 6TH ELECTION RESULTS FROM L.A. COUNTY.

Editor's note: In addition to the L.A. City runoff election, there were a number of other local elections as well. Here's a brief report...

...There were no real surprises in the L.A. City election. In the 10th District, incumbent Nate Holden won re-election over rival Stan Sanders, while in the much-watched 5th District, it was a repeat of 20 years ago as attorney Michael Feuer demolished Barbara Yaroslavsky (68% to 32%). Some sources thought the race might be closer, but this battle was over before the primary ended and perhaps BY's candidacy just wasn't meant to be. A nice win for consultant Larry Levine. And insiders were not at all shocked that Prop. #1, the \$171 million police facility bond, didn't get the required 2/3rd vote. It fell short 62% to 38%. The "I told you so" crowd will now be pointing fingers at the measure's key sponsor, Councilman Richard Alarcon. FYI: CALPEEK saw little evidence of any kind of paid campaign --- either mail, billboards, radio/TV/cable. We saw one slate with a YES on #1 plug, but nothing else. What happened to that \$150,000 warchest???

...In other elections, the 59th A.D. seat that was vacated when Richard Mountjoy(R-Arcadia) was elected to the State Senate, was won by Arcadia Councilman Bob Margett(R), who got 71% of the vote, with a 15.66% voter turnout. In the City of Compton, two incumbent councilmembers, Jane Robbins and Ronald Green, were booted out by newcomers Delores Zurita and Fred Cressel. And in the City of Pico Rivera, another card club measure (Measure #B) bit the dust for a second time. YES on B was 48%, while the NO got 52%...

PANEL TO DISCUSS NEW PR PROGRAM FOR L.A.

There's a new regional PR & marketing campaign about to be launched called New LAMP (LAMP stands for Los Angeles Marketing Partnership). The L.A. chpt. of PRSA will host a panel discussion about New LAMP, 12 noon luncheon, June 15 at the Sheraton Grande in L.A. For info ☎ (213)461-4595...

JULIE A. JUSTUS TO ADDRESS CA LINCOLN CLUB.

Julie A. Justus, who is Gov. Wilson's chief deputy appointments secretary, will address members of the CA Lincoln Club (San Gabriel Valley chpt.), 7:30 a.m. breakfast, June 16, Industry Hills Sheraton Hotel. For info ☎ Sheila McNichols at (818)249-4205...

72nd A.D. UPDATE: FIELD SET FOR JULY 18 SPECIAL.

Editor's note: Three(3) Republicans and a lone Demo make up the field in this July 18th special election to replace Ross Johnson, who recently was elected to the State Senate. Here's a brief update & analysis...

...This is a very safe district for the Republicans, who have a 55% vs. 33% registration edge over the Demos. The lone Demo is activist Shirley Hafner of Fullerton. She's in the race for one reason: to keep the GOP from winning this seat without a Sept. 12th runoff. In other words, a delaying tactic...

...In the GOP field there are two(2) tiers of candidates among the 3 challengers. In the top tier are Fullerton Councilman/high school teacher Christopher Norby and ex Fullerton Councilman/attorney Richard Ackerman. In the second tier is Yorba Linda Councilwoman Barbara Kiley. She could make it into the top tier if she demonstrates the ability to raise the kind of warchest necessary to compete with Ackerman and Norby. In order to be credible, sources say these three candidates need to raise at least \$150,000 each...

...Ackerman is said to be well on his way to that figure and has solid GOP backing from Sen. Ross Johnson and U.S. Rep. Ed Royce. So far, Norby doesn't have those kinds of endorsements, but he does have his old college buddy helping out --- GOP fat cat/political heavyweight Howard F. Ahmanson Jr., who has written a letter to GOP legislators asking for their support --- and if they won't support Norby, to at least stay neutral. As for Kiley, she's been endorsed by State Sen. Richard Mountjoy and U.S. Rep. Jay Kim. Stay tuned...

CDP BROUHAHA: FOCUS SHIFTS FROM HENDERSON TO PRESS AND HIS MANAGEMENT SKILLS AT CDP.

Editor's note: The CA Demo Party's Executive Board meets June 9-11 at the S.F. Airport Hilton in Burlingame. Here is CALPEEK's update & analysis...

...CALPEEK sources speculate that CDP Chair Bill Press will continue with his *cover story* that he can't reveal any details of the large settlement (supposedly \$25,000) with Susan Henderson, the CDP's former executive director, who resigned amid allegations that she used her CDP credit card to buy personal items. An outside audit has been completed, but the results have not been made public --- as Press originally pro-

mised. The CDP claims that Henderson has reimbursed the party for the personal items and that there was no wrongdoing on her part. In the meantime, the CDP has hired Kathy Bowler as the interim executive director. She's done this drill before and will serve until a selection cmt. picks a new executive director...

...The big question is whether CDP Vice Chair Angela Alioto will try to have Press *censured*. She and some other "E Board" members have not been happy about the way Press has handled this mess. But given the way many "E Board" members feel about Angela, it is doubtful such a resolution has much support. But its introduction is bad enough and sends a negative message to potential contributors...

...In the meantime, other "E Board" members are saying that the Henderson mess has diverted attention away from the real issues facing the CA Democratic Party: a **\$1 million debt** left over from the '94 election cycle and preparing for the '96 election cycle. One "E Board" source told CALPEEK that Press has yet to present a plan for erasing the debt, nor has he started on a new voter registration program. In fact, sources claim the CDP still owes various central cmts. a large amount of money from their registration programs in '94. Thus the \$25,000 settlement to Henderson might have helped erase a part of that debt. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '96: ADDING MORE NAMES TO THE MIX.

Editor's note: Here's another update on who's IN and who's OUT for House & Legislative races in 1996...

☒ **3rd S.D.** - Former S.F. Mayor/Assemblyman Art Agnos(D) has decided not to run for this senate seat against Assemblyman John Burton(D-S.F.). And now sources are saying Demo activist Joe Nation could be having second thoughts. A Nation candidacy makes sense only if there are two well positioned Demos splitting the vote (such as Burton & Agnos)...

☒ **42nd C.D.** - Sources report that the Republicans have recruited San Bernardino Superior Court Judge Linda M. Wilde to run against veteran Demo U.S. Rep. George Brown Jr. of Colton. But if Brown should retire, sources report there are at least two Demos who might like to run: Assemblyman Joe Baca and San Berdu Co. Sup. Jerry Eaves...

CALPEEK's INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

♦ **Gearing UP for '98** - Just in case you think the jockeying hasn't started for 1998, guess again. On the Demo side, sources report that newcomer Controller Kathleen Connell is making no secret that she has her eyes on Gov. Wilson's job. She'd have to get by one of Calif.'s more successful politicians to pull that off --- Lt. Gov. Gray Davis. Davis is well aware of Connell's ambitions and commissioned a poll to see if the new controller has made any headway. In a 1-on-1 contest, Davis got 47% to Connell's 12%, with 41% undecided. The survey was done by Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Assoc...

♦ **Lungren for Veep???** - GOP sources in Sacto say CA Atty. General Dan Lungren(R) is on U.S. Sen. Bob Dole's long list of possible vice presidential running mates. For those who have forgotten, Lungren was in the U.S. House from 1979-89 --- and he was highly regarded on both sides of the political aisle...

♦ **CALPEEK's Legal File** - Just in case you missed it, a federal grand jury in L.A. has indicted U.S. Rep. Walter Tucker III(D-Compton) on 2 counts of extortion. Tucker is already under indictment and awaiting trial on 8 counts of bribery in a different case. Not good news for Tucker, who again denies any wrongdoing...

♦ **Dornan Watch** - *Dornanologists* (it's their word, not CALPEEK's) Nathan Callahan and Mike Kaspar have come up with a newsletter devoted to their favorite political target, U.S. Rep. Bob Dornan(R-Orange County). Dornan Watch is full of quotes and news about Dornan's presidential campaign. Want a copy? ☎ (714)552-9597...

♦ **Great Political Quotes** - Most all CALPEEK readers remember JFK's great quote, "Don't get mad. Get Even." And Jesse Unruh's unforgettable line of, "Money is the mother's milk of politics." Two new ones must be added. 1) From the '94 campaign of U.S. Senate candidate Michael Huffington, from an unnamed consultant: "We have an unlimited budget --- and it's not enough." And 2) From U.S. Rep. John Kasich(R-Ohio), chair of the House Budget Cmt.; when asked

about economists' predictions of a recession, he said, "We've invented economists to make astrologers look accurate."...

POLLING SHOWS O.C.'s MEASURE R IN BIG TROUBLE

Polling data from both the Orange Co. Register and from the NO on Measure R campaign shows this proposed initiative to raise the sales tax to help ease the county's mounting tide of red ink due to bankruptcy is in deep trouble. A special election is set for June 27th. In the Register, NO leads YES by a margin of 49% to 30%, with 14% undecided. Among likely voters, the margin is 52% NO to 35% YES. In a private survey for the NO side by pollster Bob Moore, NO leads YES by a 39% to 21% margin, with 11% leaning NO and 16% leaning YES. 13% are undecided. And even O.C. CEO Bill Popejoy says that R may be *toast* because of continued *voter outrage* over the county's bankruptcy. Stay tuned...

CA SEC. OF HEALTH & WELFARE TO ADDRESS WIPA.

The Secretary of CA's Health & Welfare Agency, The Hon. Sandra R. Smoley, will address members of Women In Public Affairs(WIPA), 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon luncheon, June 28, The Inter-Continental Hotel, L.A. For info ☎ Melissa Anderson at WMA (310)496-2257...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Santa Barbara-based Davies Communications has opened an office in Sacramento, with Brandon Edwards in charge. The office is at 400 Capitol Mall, 9th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. ☎ (916)449-3987...

- Goddard * Claussen/First Tuesday has moved its Sacto area office. New address is 3300 Douglas Blvd., Ste. 400, Roseville, CA 95661. New ☎ is (916)774-0628...

- Dana L. Spurrier, who was deputy press secretary to former Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, has been hired as director of media relations by the Sacto office of Stoorza, Ziegus Metzger & Hunt. She replaces Sharon Hawkins, who moved to Burson Marsteller last month as their director of media relations...